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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3747

Application No.: 10/582,158

Examiner: N. KAMEN

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Docket No.: 128191

For: MOUNT APPARATUS FOR VARIABLE COMPRESSION RATIO INTERNAL
COMBUSTION ENGINE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. In reply to the April 26, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of at least the following remarks.

The Office Action withdraws claims 2-4 and 10-18 from consideration. The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 5-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Publication No. 57-132051 to Yasuyuki ("Yasuyuki") in view of Japanese Patent Publication No. 04-015122 to Nissan Motor Co. Ltd. ("Nissan"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action rejects the pending claims, citing Yasuyuki as allegedly disclosing a variable compression ratio engine, and Nissan as allegedly disclosing an engine having a mounting apparatus that includes a first mounting portion connected to a crankcase and a second mounting portion connected to a transmission. The Office Action asserts that it would